

**ENTERED**

February 22, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

YANETTE RODRIGUEZ ACOSTA,

Defendant.

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CRIMINAL ACTION NO. H-17-437-1

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

On February 8, Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta appeared with counsel for re-arraignment before the undersigned magistrate judge, the matter having been referred by the District court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b). Defendant appeared for the purpose of entering a guilty plea to Counts 1 and 10 of the Indictment charging her with conspiracy to commit wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349; and conspiracy to commit money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h).

Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta consented in writing to plead guilty before a United States Magistrate Judge. After a conducting a hearing as prescribed by Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this court makes the following findings of fact:

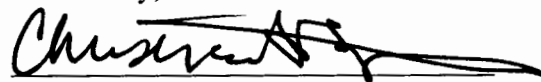
1. Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta, after consultation with counsel of record and with the approval of the government, has knowingly and voluntarily consented to be advised of her rights and to enter a plea of guilty before a U.S. Magistrate Judge subject to final approval and imposition of sentence by Chief United States District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal.
2. Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea.
3. Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta is aware of the nature of the charges, the maximum punishment range and other penalties that may be imposed at sentencing.

4. Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta understands her constitutional and statutory rights and wishes to waive those rights.
5. Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta understands that the sentencing judge is not bound by any recommendation on sentencing made by either counsel for the government or counsel for the defendant, and that if a recommendation on sentencing is not followed by the sentencing judge, she may not withdraw his plea of guilty.
6. Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta's plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense charged in Counts 1 and 10 of the Indictment charging her with conspiracy to commit wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349; and conspiracy to commit money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h).

Based upon the foregoing, it is **RECOMMENDED** that the guilty plea of Defendant Yanette Rodriguez Acosta to Counts 1 and 10 of the Indictment charging her with conspiracy to commit wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349; and conspiracy to commit money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h), be accepted by the court and that Yanette Rodriguez Acosta be adjudged guilty of the offense alleged in Counts 1 and 10 of the Indictment charging her with conspiracy to commit wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349; and conspiracy to commit money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h). The Clerk shall send copies of this Report and Recommendation to the respective parties who have fourteen (14) days from receipt to file written objections to this Report and Recommendation pursuant to General Order 2002-13. A party's failure to file written objections shall bar that party from attacking on appeal the factual findings and legal conclusions contained in the Report and Recommendation.

The original of any written objections shall be filed with the United States District Clerk, P.O. Box 61010, Houston, Texas, 77208. Copies of objections shall be mailed to opposing parties and to the chambers of the undersigned, 515 Rusk, Suite 8608, Houston, Texas 77002.

**SIGNED** at Houston, Texas, this 22nd day of February, 2018.



Christina A. Bryan  
United States Magistrate Judge